



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: REESER CREEK WETLAND RESTORATION

Description of Proposal:

The project is a restoration of a jurisdictional wetland in the headwaters of Reser Creek. The wetland has been degraded and has filled in due to soil erosion caused by conventional agricultural practices, but has persisted due to the wetland soil types and the natural springs that maintain saturated soils and some standing water. Currently, “minimum” and “no-till” farming practices have eliminated the erosion problems that caused degradation of the subject wetland. The project is designed to excavate the wetland to create a diverse bottom elevation consisting of three deep > 5ft deep pools, with some smaller > 3ft pools and associated shallow water habitats and marshes. The entire, approximately 6 acre wetland, will be surrounded by a 21 acre conservation easement. The wetland will be planted with native vegetation and the surrounding easement will be planted in native riparian woody vegetation and a native grass buffer. Plans provided.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Reeser Road, Washington, Walla Walla County; Section 1,2, Township 6 North, Range 36 East WM

To find the property take Reser Rd, approximately 2 miles South and East of School Road on the East side of the City of Walla Walla, WA. The site is on the south side of Reser Rd as the road turns 90 degrees east.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **August 3, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name

of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: July 20, 2010 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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Distribution of Environmental Document:

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